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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: RINZLER/ARNDT LETTER AUGUST 12, 1975

1. RINZLER ARRIVING ROME SEPTEMBER 16, TWA FLIGHT 910,  
1450 HOURS, DEPARTING SEPTEMBER 21. CAN ARNDT VERIFY IF  
CONVENIENT FOR RINZLER TO STAY WITH JON SHAHN?

2. ITALIAN PRESS COUNSELOR AMADUZZI, WASHINGTON, MAKING  
APPOINTMENT FOR RINZLER WITH DR. FERRARIS, MINISTRY  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ASKING MINISTRY INFORM ARNDT OF TIME  
AND PLACE FOR APPOINTMENT.

3. BELIEVE AMBASSADOR MAZIO PROVIDED SOME FUNDS TO  
COMPENSATE 1975 FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS FOR LOST WORK-TIME,  
SO MEETING WITH HIM MIGHT BE USEFUL. THIS LEFT TO ARNDT'S  
DISCRETION.

4. ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS 1975 FESTIVAL WERE IDEAL IN  
FESTIVAL TERMS BECAUSE OF THEIR VITALITY AND RICHNESS  
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THEIR SURVIVING FOLKLORE TRADITIONS MELTING PERFECTLY

WITH AMERICAN COGNATE GROUPS. ON TOUR, ITALIANS GAVE 15  
PERFORMANCES, SIX MAJOR CITIES, FOR TOTAL AUDIENCE 44,240  
PERSONS. RINZLER WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY SHOW SHORT FILM

COVERAGE AND DESCRIBE FESTIVAL TO AMBASSADOR AND OTHER  
INTERESTED EMBASSY/USIS OFFICERS. KISSINGER

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